



Official Title: **Counsel II/Hearing Officer**

MassCareers Requisition Number: **160001HE**

Agency: **Department of Public Utilities, South Station, Boston**

Number of Openings: **1**

Annual Salary Range: **\$66,813.24 - \$96,546.32**

Serve as Hearing Officer on agency proceedings regarding oversight of the electric power, natural gas and water industries in the Commonwealth. The Hearing Officer will work on complex regulatory matters as part of a team with other attorneys as well as technical staff (e.g., analysts, engineers, economists). Proceedings may be adjudications, rulemakings and notices of inquiry, may have multiple parties and involve complex legal and technical issues (e.g., rate-setting, energy policy, new legislation). This position involves a substantial amount of legal writing.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Serving as case manager by establishing procedural schedule, conducting public hearings and evidentiary hearings, making written and oral rulings, and working with and coordinating the work of technical staff to ensure the development of a thorough record;
- Presenting recommendations and draft orders to Commission;
- Preparing legal research and/or memoranda on agency jurisdiction, procedures and standards, as well as on applicable law and precedent;
- Representing the Department in settlement negotiations of cases as needed, and in interventions before other state and federal administrative agencies.

**MINIMUM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Applicants must have a Juris Doctor (JD) degree, be a member of the Massachusetts Board of Bar Overseers in good standing and (A) at least three years of full-time, or equivalent part-time, professional experience in the practice of law.

**PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:** In addition to above, experience in administrative law, public utility law, energy policy or environmental law is highly desirable. Due to the nature of the work required, the candidate must have strong organizational skills, possess the ability to communicate clearly and effectively in oral and written form. The candidate also must have good interpersonal skills and the ability to maintain effective working relationships with persons at all levels.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** • Salary commensurate with experience. • The successful candidate may be required to attend a two week utility regulation course held out of state. • A cover letter is required, please attach to your profile when applying online.

**This requisition will remain open until filled; however, first consideration will be given to application received by March 25, 2016.**

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